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SUBJECT: DENIAL OF ACCESS TO EMBASSY

1. SUMMARY: TWO SOVIET CITIZENS, EVIDENTLY MEMBERS OF GROUP OF SIX OR SO SEEKING TO VISIT EMBASSY, WERE APPREHENDED BY EMBASSY MILITIAMEN MORNING OF APRIL 12 AND REMOVED IN OFFICIAL MILITIA VEHICLE. EMBASSY HAS COMPLAINED TO MFA ABOUT THIS MOST RECENT ACCESS DENIAL. END SUMMARY.

2. AT 1015 LOCAL APRIL 12 TWO EMBOFFS WITNESSED INTERCEPTION BY EMBASSY MILITIAMEN OF TWO MIDDLE-AGED PERSONS, MAN AND WOMAN AS THEY WERE ENTERING ARCHWAY TO EMBASSY COMPOUND. THE PAIR WAS PHYSICALLY DRAGGED OUT OF THE ARCHWAY TO LARGE MILITIA SHACK AROUND CORNER FROM EMBASSY. WHEN IT WAS CLEAR FROM YELLS AND OTHER NOISES WITHIN SHACK THAT COUPLE WERE RESISTING MILITIAMEN, POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND CONSOFF IMMEDIATELY PLACED SEPARATE CALLS TO MFA USA AND PROTOCOL DIVISIONS RESPECTIVELY, DESCRIBING INCIDENT AND REQUESTING COUPLE'S RELEASE. OFFICIALS OF BOTH DIVISIONS PROMISED TO LOOK INTO INCIDENT. IN MEANTIME, HEAD OF SOVIET MILITIA DETACHEMENT AT EMBASSY DECLINING TO GIVE NAME, REFUSED TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO COUPLE OR ANY INFORMATION.

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3. AT ABOUT 1130 LOCAL, MORE SENIOR OFFICIAL, IDENTIFYING SELF AS CHIEF OF MILITIA GUARD DETACHMENT NOVIKOV (IN PLAIN CLOTHES), DROVE UP IN OFFICIAL MILITIA CAR TO SHACK, ENTERED IT, AND THEN EMERGED AFTER FIFTEEN MINUTES TO MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS IN REPLY TO CONSOFFS' REQUEST TO TALK TO WOULD-BE VISITORS AND DETERMINE NATURE THEIR BUSINESS: (1) WHAT HAPPENS IN FRONT OF EMBASSY IS NOT EMBASSY'S BUSINESS. BEHAVIOR OF MILITIAMEN IN THIS REGARD IS NOT MATTER FOR EMBASSY OFFICERS TO COMMENT ON. (2) MILITIAMEN SERVE TO PROTECT EMBASSY. VIENNA CONVENTION FULLY EMPOWERS STAIONING OF GUARDS IN FRONT OF DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENT. (3) MILITIAMEN HAVE RIGHT TO STOP ANYONE ENTERING EMBASSY, INQUIRE OF HIS BUSINESS, AND DECIDE WHETHER HE MAY ENTER. IF SOVIET CITIZEN HAS CONSULAR BUSINESS IN SOVIET VIEW, AND CARRIES SOVIET EXIT PERMISSION, HE WILL BE PERMITTED TO ENTER EMBASSY. EVEN IF SOVIET DOES NOT HAVE EXIT PERMISSION, HE WILL BE PERMITTED IN EMBASSY IF MILITIA DECIDE HIS BUSINESS IS CONSULAR. (4) THESE PARTICULAR PERSONS IN MILITIA SHACK HAVE NO BUSINESS WHATSOEVER OF CONCERN TO AMERICAN EMBASSY.

4. IN ENSUING DISCUSSION, BETWEEN SEVERL EMBOFFS ANDNOVIKOV, HE REFUSED TO FURNISH NAME OF COUPLE. HE DID SAY THE COUPLE HAD NO LETTER INVITING THEM TO THE EMBASSY. (FYI, EMBASSY DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT SOVIET CLIENTS HAVE TO BEAR WRITTEN INVITATIONS TO CALL ON LEGITIMATE BUSINESS. EMBASSY INVITATION LETTER FURTHERMORE DOES NOTENSURE ACCESS; FOR EXAMPLE, TWO PERSONS KNOWN TO EMBASSY -- FAMILY REUNIFICATION CASES -- WERE DENIED ACCESS BY MILITIAMEN IN SEPARATE INCIDENTS ON PREVIOUS DAY. END FYI.)

5. AFER INCONCLUSIVE EXCHANGE WITH NOVIKOV, EMBOFFS LEFT SCENE ABOUT 1230 LOCAL. NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPNDENT WREN, WHO HAD ARRIVED SOMEWHAT EARLIER, REMAINED IN AREA, HOWEVER, AND OBSERVED MILITIAMEN DRAG TWO OR THREE MIDDLE-AGED PERSON FROM SHACK INTO WAITING VEHICLE SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

6. TWO OTHER PERSONS, APPARENTLY PART OF SAME GROUP, SUCEEDED IN ENTERING EMBASSY. THEY LATER LEFT AFTER MAKING CLEAR THEIR PURPOSE WAS TO REGISTER COMPLAINTS ABOUT LIFE IN THE USSR. THEIR CASE REPORTED SEPTEL.

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